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Volunteers Needed to Provide Flowers and Snacks

There are currently openings in the next few weeks and beyond both to provide flowers in the sanctuary and snacks in the Great Hall on Sunday mornings. To volunteer as a provider, you can email Rebecca Witte at rebecca@stjohnsaustin.org. Sign-up sheets for snacks can also be found upstairs in the Great Hall on Sunday mornings.

Green Team Seeking Volunteers!

With longtime Green Team chair Julie Peckham moving away soon, the group has appointed a new leadership team. They are currently looking for volunteers to serve as Sunday dishwashers. Dishwashers volunteer one Sunday every month or two, usually with another Team member, to wash mugs and dishes used for Sunday snack and coffee hour. Please contact Sheila Weekly at srweekly@gmail.com to become a mug washer and get the necessary training.

UWF Guest Speaker Johnnie Harris, Sunday, May 3

Join Saint John's United Women in Faith as they welcome Johnnie Harris as guest speaker Sunday, May 3, 12 - 2 p.m. in the Great Hall. Johnnie Harris, former President of UWF for Wesley UMC, will present her story of the *Green Book in Austin*. That book listed names and addresses considered safe for Black families to stay while travelling through Texas in the 1940's and 1950's. Her family was instrumental in helping house families during this time in East Austin. We hope you will join us for this informative presentation! Anna Circle will provide a soup and sandwich lunch.

Celebrating Our Graduates, Sunday, May 17

On Sunday, May 17, we will honor all of the Class of 2026 graduates in our congregation, whether they're graduating from high school, college, or another educational program. If you or someone in your family is graduating this year, please send a photo or two of them to Children and Youth Coordinator Izzy Lopez at izzy@stjohnsaustin.org. The congregation will enjoy a slideshow featuring our 2026 graduates and we don't want to miss celebrating anyone's big achievement! *Please send photos to Izzy no later than Fri, May 8, so that they can be included in the slideshow.*

Vacation Bible School, July 20 - 24, Registration Open

Registration is now open for this summer's Vacation Bible School, Jul 20 - 24, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. At *Fruit-Full: Living by the Spirit*, children will explore what it means to live rooted in God's love and shaped by the Fruit of the Spirit. We need volunteers to make VBS a joyful week of faith, friendship, and fun. Attendees and volunteers can register at bit.ly/sjvbs2026.

Ways to Give

We offer many ways to give to support Saint John's.

1. Text "SJUMC" to 73256 and follow the prompts.
2. Visit stjohnsaustin.org/giving to make an online donation using a credit/debit card, or bank draft.
3. Church members may log on to their mySaintJohn's account via the web or by the Realm Connect appl.
4. Leave a donation in the offering plates as they are passed or in the offering box located in the Gallery, or mail a check.

Participating in Worship Today

Rev. Hilary Marchbanks, Senior Pastor
Rev. Randy Knighten, Outreach Ministries Pastor
Cina Crisara, Director of Music
Mary Foster, Worship Arts Coordinator
Gary James, Sound Technician
Izzy Lopez, Children and Youth Coordinator
Katie McKenna, Director of Communications
Ed Snouffer, Pianist
Charles Schulz, Liturgist
Nora Schulz, Liturgist
Sara Schulz, Liturgist
John Thomason, Bulletin Designer
Shelley Walters, Director of Faith Development
Rebecca Witte, Director of Connections

Chancel Singers

Brett Arnold, Cina Crisara, Dylan Graves,
Eric Metcalf, Deb Rupp, Andy Smith, Kaylie Warfield

Connect Team

Tricia Hallock (9:00)
Kathleen Harrington (11:00)

Liturgy Notes

The Greeting is by Cheryl Lawrie.
Morning Prayer is from *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2006*.
Offertory Prayer is from *enfleshed*.



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at Saint John's, see our newsletter at
stjohnsaustin.org/newsletter.

Our Mission

We are creating a community where God's love
changes people and God's people change the world.

Saint John's United Methodist Church

At Saint John's United Methodist Church
we affirm that all persons are of sacred worth, and we
welcome everyone, without exception, to participate fully
in the church's life and ministry.



Third Sunday of Easter April 19, 2026

Difficulty hearing in the Sanctuary? Please ask an usher for a
listening device or see the pew card for information about using the
AudioEverywhere phone app.

Gathering Music

Ed Snouffer, piano

"It Is Well With My Soul"

Music: Philip Bliss
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Welcome

Shelley Walters

Introit

"Take Time to Be Holy"

Chancel Singers

Take time to be holy, speak oft with the Lord;
abide in him always, and feed on his word.
Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak,
forgetting in nothing his blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy, let him be thy guide,
and run not before him, whatever betide.
In joy or in sorrow, still follow the Lord,
and, looking to Jesus, still trust in his word.

Words: William D. Longstaff
Music: George C. Stebbins
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Greeting Responsive, led by Sara Schulz

We gather:
a community of faith in God’s subversive world.
We gather to celebrate
that no darkness can extinguish light,
to remember
that love will always be more powerful than death,
and to trust that
peace will always be stronger than violence.
We gather,
as people of faith in the light of God’s world.

***Opening Hymn** All

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” UMH 400
(Lyrics are on the screen and in your hymnal.)

Words: Robert Robinson
Music: Wyeth’s Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second
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Morning Prayer All, led by Charles Schulz

O God of all our days,
we come this morning with eager anticipation.
Open our hearts,
that we might experience you anew.
Open our lives,
that we may be faithful witnesses
to your resurrection.
May we, with shouts of joy,
proclaim your steadfast, liberating love
to all people, everywhere. Amen.

Children’s Time Izzy Lopez

After Children’s Time, children age 4 - 3rd grade are invited to go to Room 103 while children 4th - 5th grade are invited to stay in the Sanctuary and follow along with their activity-filled bulletin.

Prayers of the People Shelley Walters

The Prayer of Jesus All, led by Shelley Walters

Our Father/Mother/Creator, who are in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass again us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.

Words of Life 1 Peter 1:17-23 Nora Schulz

Message for Today Rev. Randy Knighten

“With Outstretched Hands”

Response All

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” UMH 402
(Lyrics are on the screen and in your hymnal.)

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Offertory Prayer All, led by Schulz Family

God, our comfort and our strength, bless our offerings and renew our spirits.
Where you ask us to endure, bring us companionship in the struggle.
Where you ask us to share what we have, may our hearts overflow with generosity.
Where you ask us to open ourselves to radical change, make us brave.
In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

Offertory Chancel Singers

“More Precious Than Silver”

Lord, You are more precious than silver
Lord, You are more costly than gold
Lord, You are more beautiful than diamonds
And nothing I desire compares with You.

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Lord, You are more costly than gold
Lord, You are more beautiful than diamonds
And nothing I desire compares with You.
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“I Stand in Awe”

And I stand in awe of you,
I stand, I stand in awe of you;
Holy God, to whom all praise is due,
I stand in awe of you.

And I stand, I stand in awe of you,
I stand, I stand in awe of you;
Holy God to whom all praise is due,
I stand in awe of you.

Holy God to whom all praise is due,
I stand in awe of you.
And nothing I desire compares with you.

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***Song of Thanks** All

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH 94
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***We Continue Our Worshipful Work** Rev. Knighten

Wedding Blessing - Chris and Alton (11:00) Shelley Walters

***Sending Hymn** All

“Over My Head” TFWS 2148

(Lyrics are on the screen and in your hymnal.)

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***Benediction** Responsive, led by Rev. Knighten

***Sharing the Peace of Christ** Rev. Knighten

***Postlude** Ed Snouffer, piano

“Over My Head”

Traditional Spiritual
Arranged by Adam and Matt Podd
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Sanctuary Flowers

This week’s flowers are dedicated by Annette Jones and Susan Spruce to the glory of God and in celebration of their 40 years of love and life together.

To sign up to provide sanctuary flowers for Sundays throughout the year, please email Rebecca Witte at rebecca@stjohnsaustin.org.